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Serial No. 09/782,084

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

(INCLUDING FILING FEE AND/OR PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE)

*Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)*

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09/782,084

Group Art Unit

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Examiner

Lee, S.

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9826

Title of Invention

DOCUMENT REVIEW APPARATUS, A DOCUMENT REVIEW SYSTEM,
AND A COMPUTER PRODUCT

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)

a. ☒ Previously submitted

i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 7, 2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)



iv. ☐ Other

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Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).

b. ☐ Other

		BASIC FEE		\$ 750.00
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>August 7, 2003</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension of time to cover the date this RCE is filed, for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970)):				410.00
Suspension Fee (\$130.00)				
Total of above Calculations =		\$		1160.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
TOTAL FEES DUE =		\$		1160.00
4. <input type="checkbox"/> Small entity status: a. <input type="checkbox"/> Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is no longer claimed. 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:				
6. METHOD OF PAYMENT				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$1160.00</u> is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to Deposit Account No. 19-3935. (A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.)				
7. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (filing fees) or 37 C.F.R. 1.17 (processing fees) during the prosecution of this application and of any related application(s) claiming benefit hereof pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 to maintain pendency hereof and of any such related application to: Deposit Account No. 19-3935.				
8. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS				
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RESPONSE

AND

REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW

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A final Office Action was mailed on May 7, 2003 setting a period for response due on August 7, 2003. An After Final Response was filed on August 7, 2003. An Advisory Action was mailed September 5, 2003 in response to the After Final Amendment filed August 7, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith along with a Petition for a 2-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, thereby extending the period for response to October 7, 2003. This Response is timely filed by October 7, 2003.

This Response and Request For Examiner Interview is in response to the Advisory Action mailed September 5, 2003. Entry of the After Final Response filed August 7, 2003 and reconsideration of the remarks in the After Final Response is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action mailed September 5, 2003.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.